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SUBJECT: CHILEAN VOTE ON ZIONISM IN UNGA

REF: A) STATE 250778 B) SANTIAGO 7091

1. SUMMARY: CHILEAN REPLY TO OCT 22 US NOTE EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOC VOTE ON ZIONISM RESOLUTION (REFS) IS UNUSUALLY ASSERTIVE IN TONE. IT REJECTS US ARGUMENTS AND NOTES LACK OF US APPROACH TO CHILEAN DEL. ON RESOLUTION, BUT CONCLUDES WITH OFFER OF CONTINUING COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. NOTE MADE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS: EXPRESSED "SURPRISE AT TENOR" OF US MESSAGE, SINCE IT REFERS TO MATTER NOT INVOLVING US INTERESTS. SOVEREIGN STATES HAVE COMPLETE LIBERTY IN UNGA, ALTHOUGH THEY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES. "IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARD US THAT ANIMATES PRESENT GOVERNMENT, CHILEAN DELEGATION HAS NOT HESITATED TO ADOPT ATTITUDES ALWAYS CONSISTENT WITH THAT POLICY, WITHOUT NECESSITY OF CONSULTATIONS OR PRIOR REQUESTS, AS OCCURRED FOR EXAMPLE IN CASE OF DRAFTS ON INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO."

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3. GOC COULD NOT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF US' SPECIAL INTEREST IN ZIONISM RESOLUTION, SINCE US HAD REFRAINED FROM EXPRESSING IT AND FROM TAKING ANY ACTION TO ASCERTAIN CHILEAN POSITION THROUGH CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OR NEW YORK DELEGATIONS.

4. CHILEAN VOTE WAS COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH GOC GENERAL POLICY OF OPPOSING "RACISM, INTOLERANCE, OR DISCRIMINATION IN ANY FORM." FONMINISTRY THEREFORE "CATEGORICALLY REJECTS" INTERPRETATION OF VOTE AS SUPPORT FOR RACISM, OR AS SIGN OF ANTI-SEMITISM, "WHICH PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF CHILE CONDEMN IN MOST ENERGETIC AND DECISIVE WAY."

5. NOTE CONCLUDED BY STRESSING "INDISPENSABLE NEED FOR CLOSE AND TIMELY CONTACT" BETWEEN GOC AND USG ON UNGA AGENDA ITEMS. "SUCH CONTACTS SHOULD EXTEND TO DRAFT RESOLUTION APPROVED IN THIRD COMMITTEE, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION, USG ALWAYS BEING ABLE TO COUNT ON UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP OF GOC."

6. NOTE WAS THIRD PERSON AND SIGNED BY FONMIN CARVAJAL. NUMBERED 20535, SIGNED NOVEMBER 4, RECEIVED NOV 5. COPIES POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (ARA/BC) AND USUN.

7. COMMENT: CARVAJAL OBVIOUSLY FEELS AGGRIEVED AT US CRITICISM OF GOC POSITION, AND NOTE ACCORDINGLY OPENS IN STARCHY TERMS IN REPLY TO EXPRESSION OF USG DISAPPOINTMENT. NOTE NEVERTHELESS REVERTS TO NORMAL GUIDELINE OF PRESENT CHILEAN FOREIGN POLICY IN RESTATING DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH USG. CARVAJAL'S NOV 6 OFFER TO AMBASSADOR OF CONSULTATION ON ISSUE OF PLO REPRESENTATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE (SANTIAGO 7487) APPEARS TO BE CAST IN THIS FRAMEWORK. POPPER

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